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The real business of life is the making of a happy home. When you come to sift the whole chaff of existence, everything goes to the wind but the happiness we have had at home.

All about us are beautiful homes which are mere pauper houses, so far as happiness is concerned, because of some one member of the family who is a petty tyrant, a nagger, a peace destroyer.

In hours of exuberance and exaltation or joyous merriment; in reflective moments when the soul is swept with memories, pleasing or plaintive, in the silence of religious meditations; or is our little recesses from the homely duties and commonplace labors of the day or week they befriend us with their delightful solace, these thoughts of home and a happy family circle.

There are six secular nights in each week. Out of the six some men spend one at home and five at lodge, while others spend five at home and one at lodge. In which class shall we register your name?

We are coming to understand that all the prayers and baptisms and communions which the churches can bestow upon us will not make us christians, so long as we think mean, uncharitable thoughts of one another and permit our minds to be filled with malice, envy, jealousy, gloom and despondency.

Work is a moral and physical uplifter. It is a panacea for sloth; idleness brings moral decay and furnishes an incentive to crime. The avalanche of crime that is sweeping over our beautiful land is largely due to the fact that too many would rather steal than work. The life of duty, not the life of mere ease or mere pleasure, is the end of life which makes the great men and women. The best prize that life offers is the chance to work at work worth doing.

A word of encouragement at the right time is of more real worth than an ounce of gold. It is more nourishing to the soul than meat and drink to the hungry. It is better stimulant than the richest wine, and the strongest lever to lift from the rut of despondency. Many a poor overworked wife is pining for a word of sympathy from her husband. Just one word, one look, to show that the toil of weary hours are appreciated, and the light reflected would more than recompense the giver.

We have often wondered why mother's memory and hands must serve for a dozen persons. Would it not be better for all concerned if mother's kindness contained more of self-assertion and less of self-sacrifice? Would not, at times, papa feel less disturbed, nay, wrathfully, if he were careful to keep his own papers in order, and perform the twenty other trivial things he has time to do in leisure moments, but expects of some one else? Would it not be better for sister to teach baby—who is old enough—to button his own shoes, than to do it for him each morning as a duty?

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up and come on and feed the horses and milk the cows, for we've got a lot of work to do, and it's getting late, so hurry up, or we'll never get through." Is that very pleasant to hear the first thing in the morning? Don't hurry so much, but take time to live and to see a pretty flower or listen to the happy notes of a little bird; enjoy all these beauties of nature as you go along through life. Are you surprised that your boys and girls begin to show dissatisfaction with their homes and long for city life, when at home it is too much hurry, hurry all the time—hurry and do your work? Yes it grows monotonous and they see that each day brings them no nearer the goal than the day before, so they lose interest and grow to hate those daily duties that are all hurry and work.

If the motto "keep sweet" was lived up to in the new year would not our little world of home be the better for it? Even if its influence reached no further would it not be worth the while? To "keep sweet" one must possess a happy unconsciousness of self and enthusiasm about the little things that fill the hours of every day and an absence of malice and envy. One must have a bright outlook on life and a courageous heart. Such an outlook and such a heart are invaluable to the housewife. They cheer herself and those under her influence. "The hand that moves the world" surely should pulse with high courage that comes from a brave, true heart.

This column is published weekly in the hope that it may awaken on the part of the husband and child a deeper appreciation of her who is the central figure of home; that it may strengthen the family bonds, making them more beautiful and tender; that it may encourage charity and breathe hope for the future, where language is music and love is law. We trust this department may to the young brighten and deepen the pleasures and memories of home, while to the advanced in years something may be said that will bring to view the reflected radiance of a golden dawning. We should be pleased to occasionally hear from our readers who appreciate this department. It does no harm to drop a word even in the pathway of an editor whose road seems ever to lead among the thorns.

How much happier we would all be if we would attempt to build instead of tearing down; how much sweeter our lives would be, if we would encourage, by kind words, those of our fellow-men and fellow-women who have fallen by the way-side; extend a helping hand, whisper words of encouragement in their ear and oh! how much brighter our lives and theirs would be. Give no heed to the Tattler and Gossip, turn a deaf ear, and tell them that you are otherwise engaged, when you find them inclined to talk and very soon the tattlers will find their profession gone.

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Early Prose of Springfield visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Prose, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Thompson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson Sunday.

Mrs. A. T. Boggs spent Christmas with her son, R. W. Boggs and family.

Mrs. Taylor of Columbus, is visiting William Thompson and family for the past week.

Misses Myrtle Thompson and Carrie Boggs attended the entertainment at West Jefferson Saturday night.

Onie Boggs, whose house was burned on the 19th day of December, is going to move into the house with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Prose until his new house is built.

Charles Boggs and Frank Thompson attended church at West Jefferson last Sunday.

A Kentucky Girl.

OLD TESTAMENT TIMES
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BIBLE STUDIES

ABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY MIS-USED

1 Kings 12:25-33—January 8

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.—Exodus 20:3

TODAY'S Study brings to our attention a man of large natural ability and of quite unusual opportunity. It shows us his disastrous error, which resulted from his endeavor to be worldly wise and to neglect his God and his religion. It furnishes an illustration which can be applied, not only to every political and every commercial enterprise, but also to the life hopes of each individual.

Jeroboam as a young man attracted the attention of King Solomon, who perceived that he possessed great executive talent and that he was a natural master and director of men. King Solomon put Jeroboam at the head of one of his corps of drafted workmen who were engaged after the manner of that time in building palaces and fortresses for the king.

Without pay other than very plain food and clothing. These labor armies were obliged to work for a number of months and then were replaced by others similarly conscripted.

Jeroboam became the leader of a party of discontented and an insipient rebellion was the result. This was quickly suppressed by King Solomon and thereupon Jeroboam fled to Egypt, from whence he returned at the death of Solomon and became the leader of a party of discontented and an insipient rebellion was the result.

Jeroboam proclaimed king of the ten tribes. They demanded of Jeroboam the reform of the government's policy.

Jeroboam's First Mistake

It should be remarked that one of God's prophets had specially foretold to Jeroboam that he was to be the king of the ten tribes. It was doubtless this that led him to head the insurrection. He should have followed the example of King David, who was anointed king of Israel several years before the death of King Saul. Young David was content to wait God's time for placing him on the throne. The fact that God had indicated that this would be so did not indicate that the time had come, hence David waited on the Lord and meanwhile learned valuable lessons of self-control and trust in Divine Providence.

Not so Jeroboam, who was evidently a very different type of man, he doubtless possessed more confidence in himself than of trust in God; possessed more impatience to be a king than of loyalty and political sagacity to serve God and his people. This first mistake should be noted by all. "Wait ye upon me, saith the Lord." The man who ignores God is not wise; the man who opposes God is a fool.

Jeroboam's Second Mistake

When the ten tribes revolted against King Rehoboam, Solomon's son, they promptly accepted Jeroboam, one of Solomon's servants, as their king, in harmony with the Prophet's declaration of years before. Finally the boy of humble birth had reached a high station of influence—a great opportunity for service for his God and his people. Whoever occupies a position of prominence—political, social, literary—should recognize that thereby he has come under special responsibility and obligations toward all with whom he has to do.

But Jeroboam, king of the ten tribes styled Israel, took the course, alas, too commonly taken—the selfish course. He looked not to the Lord to serve him, nor to the people, to serve their best interests. He looked selfishly to his own interests. He looked to the future of his own family in the kingdom of these ten tribes. I must separate them effectually from the influence of the kingdom of Judah. And since, in God's Providence, the Temple is in the land of Judah, and all the religious rites and interests of the people center there, I must as unobtrusively as possible turn the attention of the nation I rule away from sympathy with their fellows of the kingdom of Judah, and away from the regulations which God has established there.

Every worldly politician would declare Jeroboam a master spirit as a ruler, as a politician. He was worldly wise. God through the Prophet had assured him, "If thou wilt hearken to all that I will command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do right in my sight to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, thy kingdom will be prolonged."—1 Kings 11:38.

God explained that the reason for giving Jeroboam rulership of the ten tribes was that Solomon's course of dealing with the nations round about was gradually breaking down the true religion and leading the people toward idolatry. Jeroboam should have had all this in mind, and should have applied his heart with special fervor to the banishment of idolatry.

Instead, however, for policy's sake, he led the nation, of which he was king, directly into idolatry. He did not come out plainly and say to them, I wish to separate you from God and the religious institutions of your nation by attracting your attention away from Jerusalem, its religion, its worship, its Temple. Under the pretext that it was too far for the people to go to Jerusalem, he erected a golden bull near the northern extremity of his kingdom, and another near the southern line, and the people went from one to the other.

The Thing Was of the Lord

Let us suppose that the affairs of Israel's Kingdom, under Divine supervision, were neglected and allowed to go astray, we are particularly informed that "The thing was of the Lord." From this standpoint of faith and from no other the history of Israel should be studied.

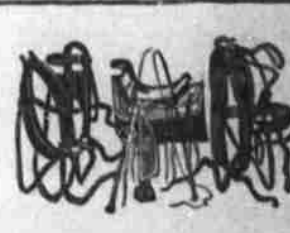
God had chosen to give Israel the Law Covenant for the very purpose of developing in them as a nation holiness, faithfulness. Their lessons of the past had been to this end, and now the time had come to do a sitting, a separating work.

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Recitation, The Hay-Ride of Jennie McNeal, Jessie Gambill.

Recitation, Stella Prince.

Dialogue, Entertaining Sister's Bean, three girls and one boy.

Recitation, Never Despair, Mary Miller.

Recitation, Della Hay.

Dialogue, The Quarrelsome Sisters, two girls and a boy.

Stump speech by Marion Chaffin.

Recitation, Minnie Gambill.

Dialogue, Joshua's Proposal, two boys and a girl.

Recitation, A Boy Hero, Erma Sparks.

Recitation, My Ideal, Mary Gambill.

Dialogue, Uncomfortable predicament, three girls and two boys.

Recitation, Aunt Jemima, Jessie Gambill.

Recitation, Higgs Skazze.

Dialogue, Happy Uncle Tom, two boys.

Recitation, Sister's Best Fellow, Emma Gambill.

Recitation, Caroline Gibson.

Dialogue, How the Census is taken, three boys and two girls.

Recitation, Widow Sprigen's Daughter, Martin Gambill.

Recitation, Adeline Hay.

Dialogue, Rampus in Shoemaker's Shop, two boys and a girl.

Stump speech by Emmet Sparks.

Recitation, Last Day of School, Mary Gambill.

Dialogue, Missionary Work at Home, one boy and a girl.

Recitation, Jasper Prince.

Recitation, Curfew Bell, Jessie Gambill.

Dialogue, Brudder Bones' story of the misfortune of his lady love.

Hard Shell sermon, by Morton Sparks.

Recitation, Beale Gibson.

Recitation, Henry Chaffin, Good Bye, Dear Teacher.

Dialogue, Returning of Jonathan.

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